Sl. No.	Sl. No. as per Gazette Notification	Product Code No.	Name of the Product
	Notification No. 533 (E) Dt. 20-05-02		
50.	783A	38280301	Cast brass watch cases polished and plated
51.	32A(10)	260315	Synthetic knitted gas mantle fabric

New scheme to promote SSI and Cottage Industry

298. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any new scheme to promote small scale and cottage industries in the country during the current financial year;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the above scheme is being implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Sick SSI's in the country

†299. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards consistent increase in the number of sick small scale industries in various States, during the last three years ?

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise ?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government have received any representations from some organizations to review guidelines for revival of these units and also to include standards and definition for fixing feasibility criteria in these guidelines; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) The number of sick Small Scale Industries (SSI) has declined from 3,06,221 as at the end of March, 1999 to 2,49,630 as at the end of March, 2001 as per the latest data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from the Scheduled Commercial Banks. The State-wise data on sick Small Scale Industries during the years 1999 to 2001 is given at the Statement enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) Government have been receiving representations from time to time from various SSI Associations for reviewing the guidelines for rehabilitation of sick SSI units. The Comprehensive Policy Package for the SSI Sector announced on 30th August, 2000 by the Prime Minister included drawing up revised guidelines for the rehabilitation of potentially viable sick SSI units. As a follow up, the RBI set up a Working Group under the Chairmanship of Shri S. S. Kohli, the then Chairman of Indian Banks' Association. Based on the recommendations of the Working Group, the RBI has drawn up revised guidelines for rehabilitation of Sick Small Scale Industrial (SSI) units, which include *inter alia* change in the definition of sick SSI units, norms for deciding on their viability, etc. The RBI has circulated the revised guidelines on 16th January, 2002 to all the Bank for implementation.

Statement

Number of Sick Small Scale Industries (State / UT-wise)

State/Union Territory	As at the end of March		
	1999	2000	2001
Assam	10586	11445	8632
Meghalaya	447	528	376
Mizoram	40	41	27

State/Union Territory	As at the end of March		
	1999	2000	2001
Bihar	26293	26909	16423
Arunachal Pradesh	116	120	75
West Bengal	146182	143893	113846
Nagaland	166	168	119
Manipur	5237	5577	4150
Orissa	10134	7444	6668
Sikkim	28	25	23
Tripura	6914	7170	5352
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	25	31	18
Uttar Pradesh	17320	21235	23117
Delhi	3789	3309	2143
Punjab	3551	1897	1836
Haryana	3180	2952	1285
Chandigarh	187	156	153
Jammu & Kashmir	630	2002	848
Himachal Pradesh	1103	893	368
Rajasthan	12835	7560	6395
Gujarat	4170	5928	5408
Maharashtra	13373	9115	8056
Daman & Diu	13	10	57
Goa	216	161	98
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	24	46	12

State/Union Territory	As at the end of March		
	1999	2000	2001
Madhya Pradesh	6808	6072	6614
Andhra Pradesh	6260	12461	11841
Karnataka	4342	5416	4400
Lakshadweep	0	0	1
Tamil Nadu	11408	11602	9959
Kerala	10074	9017	11144
Pondicherry	770	1052	186
TOTAL	**306221**	**304235**	**249630**

Dereservation of SSI sector

300. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of the items dereserved for the SSI sector; and

(b) what has been the impact of dereservation on this sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) Since 1991 till date, 90 items (which include three sub-items) have been dereserved. The list of items dereserved is enclosed as Statement enclosed (*See* below).

(b) As reservation/dereservation of items for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector is a continuous process, its impact is periodically assessed through consultations with stakeholders. This assessment considers various relevant aspects including *inter alia*, domestic and global competitiveness, potential for employment and export, technical feasibility and economic viability of manufacturing the item in the small scale sector, etc. Independent studies conducted on the issue have not revealed any negative impact on the sector in question, except for a marginal impact in respect of few items.